

Claims Status

Claims 85-100 are pending. Claims 85-100 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting. With this Amendment and Response, Applicants have added new claims 101-120. After entry of this Amendment and Response, claims 85-120 will be pending. A clean copy of all pending claims is enclosed.


Typographical Error in Preliminary Amendment

The preliminary amendment filed on Dec. 3, 1998 contains a typographical error. The request to delete the word "conyent", and insert --content-- on Page 36 line 11, should instead reference line 15, which is the line where "conyent" appears on page 36.

Claims 101-120

Dependent claims 101-120 were added. Claims 101-104 depend from claim 87. Claims 105-108 depend from claim 90. Claims 109-112 depend from claim 93. Claims 113-116 depend from claim 97. Claims 117-120 depend from claim 98. Taking claims 101-104 as an example, claim 101 recites that "the collaborative feedback data comprises active feedback data." Claim 102 recites that "the collaborative feedback data comprises passive feedback data." Claim 103 recites that "the passive feedback data is obtained by passively monitoring the actual response to a proposed informon." Claim 104 recites that "the collaborative feedback data comprises a combination of active feedback data and passive feedback data."

These claimed features are disclosed in applicants' specification, at least on page 36, which states that "[u]ser feedback response 29 can be active feedback, passive feedback, or a combination," (lines 10-11) and that "[f]eedback response 29 provides an actual response to proposed informon 23, which is a measure of the relevance of the proposed informon to the information need of user 5" (lines 16-19). No new matter has been added.



Double Patenting

Claims 85-100 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-138 of U.S. Patent No. 5,867,799. A terminal disclaimer is enclosed herewith. The terminal disclaimer should overcome the double patenting rejection. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

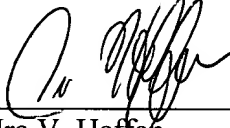
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejection, and allowance of all claims in due course. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would be helpful, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the number below.

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